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6 December 2020

Second Sunday

of

Advent

Year B

**Entrance Antiphon:** O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**First Reading:** *A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (40:1-5, 9-11)*

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

**Responsorial Psalm:** (Ps. 84)

*R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)
- Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R)
- The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R)

**Second Reading:** *A reading from the second letter of St Peter (3:8-14)*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths: All people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark (1:1-8)*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: “Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.” And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’

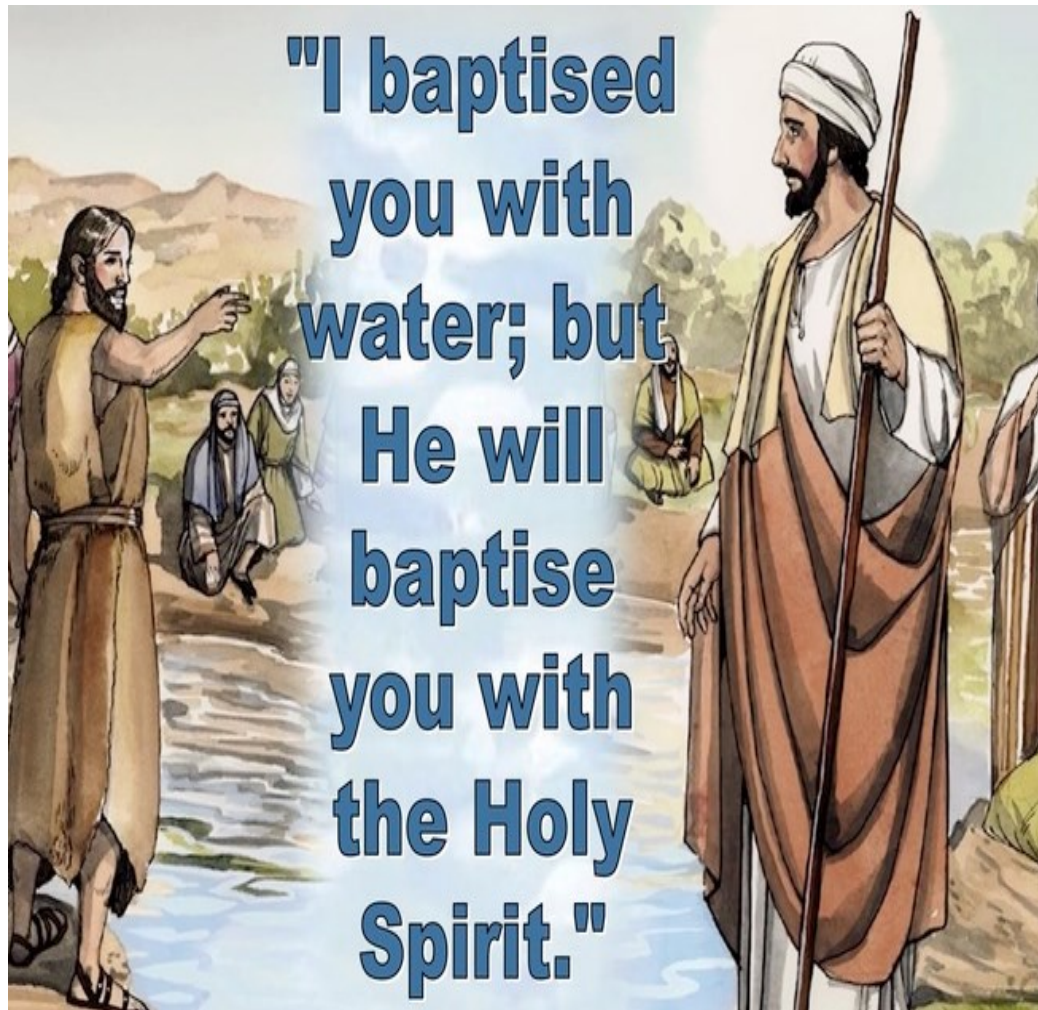
**Memorial Acclamation:** Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

## MASS INTENTIONS

All our Masses are being offered “*pro populo*” - for the intentions of the people of God.





## **Pastoral Corner**

A call to change is always disturbing and can make us feel uncomfortable. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist blunt speaking calls us to honestly examine our lives and situations. Had you been present to hear John the Baptist preaching and challenging word, what situations, attitudes and motives would he have caused you to think about? What aspects of your life might be in need of change?

Yet crowds of people sought him out, opening themselves to his message. Would you have welcomed John the Baptist and sought him out? If John the Baptist asked you for evidence of your repentance, what would your response be?

Advent is a time in when we are invited to withdraw and make time for prayer and reflection. So during the coming week try to attend a Reconciliation service, and put aside time to prayerfully prepare for Christmas and the coming of Baby Jesus.

**Changes Regarding Mass Attendance And COVID-19 Restrictions:** As of **Saturday, 5 December 2020**, all people **over the age of 16** attending church **at any time** including Masses and other Liturgies, will be required to have their presence recorded.

We will have a **QR Code** specific to our church which you are required to scan on your arrival if you have a smartphone. You are required to download the **SafeWA App** onto your phone from either the App Store or GooglePlay Store and load your personal data. When you arrive at the church you will then just need to scan the QR Code and complete the very brief question section. If you do not have a Smartphone, you will have the opportunity to have your name and details recorded on a paper register that will be stored securely in the Parish and kept for the mandatory 28 day period. The Register will be destroyed as per the Government directives.

If you have any queries related to this register, please do not hesitate to contact the **Parish Office on 9256-9650**.

**St Vincent De Paul:** SVDP thanks all parishioners who have assisted us in previous years with Christmas food and ask for your assistance again this year. We are asking for assistance with special Christmas foods like tins of ham, Christmas cake, fruit mince pies, biscuits or a Present for a Primary school Child or younger children/Baby of families we assist. Tags will be available in the church foyer with ages shortly. Please be advised that all items need to be in the Church by **Sunday, 13 December 2020**.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation for Advent:** As Christmas approaches we will be having our Second Rite of Reconciliation at **St Emile's** on **Tuesday, 22 December 2020 at 7.00 pm**.

**Emilie's Parish RE Program Enrolments for 2021:** The RE Program is now finished for 2020. We will be taking enrolments again for 2021 in late January and early February all being well. Families who have already been enrolled will be notified of the dates etc. and it will also be published in the St Emile's Sunday Bulletin. Enquiries to **Lyn Harkins 0404 325 900** or email [lharkins@iinet.net.au](mailto:lharkins@iinet.net.au).

### **Places of Worship to Operate at Greater Capacity** *(effective immediately – Tuesday, 1 December 2020)*

**WA Government Update: Places of Worship are now exempt from the 2 square metre rule and are able to operate at a 60 percent capacity.**

Following the latest WA public health advice, places of worship are now exempt from the 2 square metre rule. They can operate at 60 per cent capacity if this is a larger number than what was allowed under the 2 square metre rule. This change comes into effect immediately. From Saturday, 5 December 2020, places of worship will be required to maintain a contact register, in electronic or written form. Maintaining a contact register will assist the WA Health Department with COVID-19 contact tracing, which is one of the most effective measures in controlling the spread of COVID-19 if an outbreak occurred. A free, simple and secure contact register app, **SafeWA**, has been developed by the WA Government to make it easy for businesses and venues to check in patrons. It can be downloaded from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). A written contact register must also be available for people who choose not to use the SafeWA app to register attendance.

For more information:

- see the [Places of worship to operate at a greater capacity under health advice media statement](#).
- visit [COVID-19 coronavirus: Contact registers](#)



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS



### Christmas Carols at St Emilie's

Join us for our Parish Community Nativity Play and Christmas Carols sing-along in a relaxed and festive atmosphere after the

**5.00 pm Mass on Sunday, 20 December 2020.**

**Please bring a plate to share.**



### Busy Bee at St Emilie's

To prepare for the Christmas festivities, we are going to have a **busy bee at St Emilie's** in the morning of **Saturday, 12 December 2020.** As many hands make light work I am calling on all of you to join in and make our church premises and grounds look neat and tidy for this Christmas. For more information, contact **Anthony Rankin on 0413 152 114** and please place your name on the attendance sheet at the door of the church.

### PARISH RENEWAL

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has issued a call for everyone in the Archdiocese '... *to walk together on the pathway which we hope will deliver a Christ-centred, faithful, vibrant, welcoming, inclusive and mission orientated Church, one which will enrich our own lives and the lives of all whom we encounter and seek to serve*' Our Archdiocese has a team that works for the strengthening and revitalising of our parishes, see their latest Initiatives:

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### Personal Advocacy Service needs your HELP!!

Do you still have a valid driver's License and time to share your life experiences over a cuppa?

Personal Advocacy Service an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth provides support for people with varying degrees of intellectual disability to enable them to live more fully as active members of their local community. Grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, Personal Advocacy recognises the human dignity and spiritual worth of all persons, including those with disabilities. We believe that all persons are created by God to fulfil a unique mission on this earth and to bring their own special gifts into the lives of all they touch.

These may seem like very ordinary activities but some of this would not be possible for our friends without the extra help. If you are a caring person, have love of faith and enjoy meeting new people and have a sense of fun, come and join us. St Emilie's parish along with Fr. Jean-Noel MARIE is looking forward to a group starting here in your parish centre in 2021.

For each person with intellectual disability, an environment, conducive to growth may need to be initiated and supported by a close one-to-one relationship with another member of the community. Personal Advocacy is committed to offering appropriate motivation, training and support to ordinary members of the community, to enable them to take up the role of personal advocate.

As people with intellectual disability are assisted in achieving their rights to belong and grow, both within the local parish and wider communities, their contribution will enrich the lives (life) of the whole community.

If your New Year's resolution is to make a difference in someone's life, Personal Advocacy Service needs you.

The small group runs on 8 volunteers. We are in need more volunteers. If you would like more information about us, please Contact Fr. Jean-Noel Marie on **9256-9650** or email [Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:Jean-noel.marie@perthcatholic.org.au) God Bless you all. Thank you for reading this notice.

Find out more about us from our website [www.paswa.org.au](http://www.paswa.org.au)

### Advent Retreat

Our Christian tradition focuses all humanity's attention, anticipation and longing for the 'more' of God's coming in the person of a young woman from Nazareth.

We will journey this Advent with Mary, as she becomes the meeting place of human and divine longing, and risks bringing God's future into being.

Details



Date	Saturday, 5 December 2020
Time	9.15am to 2.30pm
Venue	Retreat House Redemptorist Monastery Camelia St North Perth
Contact	Mildred Rego on 63805335 Email: <a href="mailto:mildred.rego@cewa.edu.au">mildred.rego@cewa.edu.au</a>
Morning Tea	Provided
Lunch	Please bring your own lunch
Facilitator	Dr Pina Ford





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